

## BASE BALL MEN IN SESSION.

**THE NATIONAL LEAGUE MEN TRYING TO REDUCE THEIR CIRCUIT.**

**Indianapolis Proves to be the Stumbler**  
Block-President Brush Means to Stick  
Washington Willing to Get Out-The  
Schedule Not Ready Yet-Goosp.

CLEVELAND, March 4.—If nothing goes wrong and the deal works as it has been fixed Detroit will have achieved its end before another day passes. That end is to secure a National League franchise. The Detroit boomers, composed of F. E. Stearns, President, M. B. Mills, and Manager R. H. Leadley, worked the deal neatly to-day, and chances are favorable to its being consummated. The scheme is nothing more or less than an offer made to President Walter Hewett of the Washington Club by Detroit of a certain sum of money to deliver its franchises in the League to Detroit and then retire from the business.

Hewett, it is surmised, agreed, and now it depends upon the League itself to put its sanction or disapproval upon the deal. This is the story as it goes, and there is not the slightest doubt of its truth. The Detroit people are bent on business, and have plenty of money to back up their plan. The only thing that stands in the way of the transfer of Washington's franchises to Detroit is the hope that President Brush of Indianapolis will consent to leave the League. Should he decide to do so the Washington deal will be killed, and no third club will operate next season.

There was no official notice of any such deal in the meeting to-day, but, outside the session room, it was common talk among the managers, though some of them would not admit it openly. J. Palmer O'Neill of Pittsburgh and Al Johnson, who are old acquaintances, met each other in the Weddel House bar just after the adjournment of the afternoon session.

The score by innings was as follows: